# Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses RECEIVED SEGRETARY OF THE SENATE PURI IC RECORDS

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from 16 PM 5: 50 travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.

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Private Sponsor(s) (lis	t all): U.S. Associat	tion of Former Memi	pers of Congress	(FMC)
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☐ Good Faith Estimate	\$3922.29	\$1501.81	\$438.53	\$180.60 (Guides, room fees, interpreters)
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☐ Good Faith Estimate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Provide a description necessary.): See fin	of all meetings and evaluation	ents attended. <i>See</i> Senat	te Rule 35.2(c)(6).	Attach additional pages if
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TO BE COMPLETE	D BY SUPERVISING	MEMBER/OFFICER:		
				scribed in the Employee Pre-Travel
Authorization form, ar	e necessary transportat	tion, lodging, and related	l expenses as defined	in Rule 35.

(Revised 1/3/11)

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(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Form RE-2

# EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220. Incomplete and late travel submissions will <u>not</u> be considered or approved. This form <u>must</u> be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

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Form RE-1

	Shelly Blake
Name of Traveler:	
Employing Office/Committee:	Senator Ben Sasse
U.S. Association of Forn Private Sponsor(s) (list all):	
Saturday, September 21, to Saturd	ay, September 28, 2019
Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason	you must notify the Committee.
Okinawa & Tokyo, Japan	
Destination(s):	<del></del>
Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the trave	ler's official or representational duties:
connected to Japan through the agriculture and insurance in the Senator, an expanded knowledge of these institutions' pro-	y official duties as Deputy Chief of Staff. Nebraska is heavily dustries. As I often serve as a fiaison between industry leaders and esence in Japan will be an asset to our office. Additionally, the Study are on military issues, specifically issues facing Air Force bases, is orce Base on behalf of the Senator.
Name of accompanying family member (if any):  Relationship to Employee: Spouse Child	
1 certify that the information contained in this form is true.  9/1/2019 (Date)	complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:  A lightner of Employee)
TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICE	kR (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms,
Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chap	lain):
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#### 2019 U.S. District/State Directors Study Tour Final Itincrary

Saturday, September 21st – Saturday, September 28th Tokyo and Okinawa

# In case of an emergency in Japan, please call:

U.S. Embassy – Tokyo: +81-3-3224-5000

The Congressional Study Group on Japan's District/State Director Study Tour is made possible by the generous support by the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, an independent federal agency.

#### <u>Hotels</u>

Hotel New Otani Tokyo

4-1 Kioichio Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 102-8578 Tel: +81-3-3265-1111 Hilton Okinawa Chatan Resort

40-1 Mihama Chatan-Cho Okinawa 904-0115 Tel: +81-98-901-1111

Saturday, September 21, 2019

All-day

Departure from local airports

Sunday, September 22, 2019

<Okinawa>

Travel Day

#### Arriving in Tokyo

1:55pm	UA0079 from EWR to NRT (Terminal 1) [HOLMES, Sarah]
2:00pm	UA0007 from IAH to NRT (Terminal 1) [KISTENMACHER, Nick]
2:20pm	UA7938 from ORD to NRT (Terminal 1) [BLAKE, Shelly]
2:20 - 5:55pm	Go through customs and layover in airport
5:55 – 8:45pm	NH2159 from Tokyo to Okinawa; transfer to hotel
9:30pm	Check-in at hotel

<ul> <li>Discussion with the U.S. Consul General, Naha</li> <li>Conversation with Consul General Robert Koepcke on the Consulate's priorities in Okinawa, at hotel in Chatan.</li> <li>Briefing on the current state of affairs in Okinawa, and Japan.</li> </ul>
Academic View of Okinawan Identity Discussion with Prof. Masaaki Gabe, Ryukyu University  • Working breakfast on overview of Okinawan identity and cultural, Okinawan – Tokyo relationship.  Rest - Q&A Session moderated by a delegate
Bus ride from hotel to next meeting
Informal lunch
Location TBD
Memory of World War II  Visit and tour of Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum with  Marine Corps Community Service guide  • Guided tour by Marine Corps Community Service guide, offering a unique perspective on the memory of World War II in Okinawa.
614-1 Mahuni, Itoman-shi, Okinawa
Bus ride from museum to next meeting
<ul> <li>U.S. Rebalance to the Asia-Pacific</li> <li>Briefing with officers at Kadena Air Base</li> <li>Briefing by select officers at Kadena Air Base on the current state of the base and its relationship with the surrounding community.</li> <li>An overview of the base's +70 years of history on the island.</li> </ul>
Kadena Air Base
Bus ride to hotel
Working Dinner Conversation with Ms. Paige Cottingham-Streater Dinner conversation with Ms. Paige Cottingham-Streater, Executive Director of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission  Overview on current US-Japan Relations establishing a foundational understanding of the bilateral relationship

<Okinawa>

Monday, September 23, 2019

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#### Tuesday, September 24, 2019

#### <Okinawa>

9:00 - 10:30am

#### Visit to AmerAsian School

- A site tour offers our delegation insight on the societal impacts of US bases in Okinawa
- Briefing of the history and mission of the school by their principal
- Visiting classrooms of Middle School students

The AmerAsian School in Okinawa, was founded 20 years ago by five women with the goal of providing bi-racial children a "double education" so they could learn about American and Japanese culture/identity. The was beavily supported by former Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi, and has won three major education awards from the Japan Foundation, Asahi Shimbun, and Hakubodo.

15-22 Shimashi, Ginowan, Okinawa

10:45 - 11:30am

Bus ride from AmeriAsian School to next meeting

11:30 - 1:30pm

Cutting-edge Technology: From "Keystone of the Pacific" to "Hub of International Education in the East Asia"

Visit to Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology

- Guided tour of OIST main campus and lunch discussion with faculty members
- Briefing and presentation given by Executive Vice President Dr. Bob Baughman at their Technology Development and Innovation Center

The Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST) is an interdisciplinary graduate school. Over half of the faculty and students are recruited from outside Japan, and all education and research is conducted entirely in English. The OIST Graduate University shall conduct internationally outstanding education and research in science and technology, and thus contribute to the sustainable development of Okinawa, and promote and sustain the advancement of science and technology.

1919-1 Tancha, Onna, Kunigami, Okinawa

2:00 - 3:30pm

Japan's Security Priority in the Region
Briefing and tour of Japan Ground and Maritime Self-Defense Force
Naha Base

- Conversation on the role of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force in Japanese national security.
- Briefing on the state of the region, covering topics such as North Korea,
   China's military expansion, and US ally's like South Korea.

301 Jitoma, Naba, Okinawa

3:30 - 4:00pm

Bus ride from base to next meeting

4:15 - 5:15pm

# History of Ryukyu Kingdom

Visit and tour of Shuri Castle with Mr. Kurayoshi Takara

• The Castle will offer our delegation insight on Okinawa's indigenous population, before they became a part of Japan.

A city district of Naha today, Shuri is the name of the former capital of the Rynkyn Kingdom. Shuri Castle served as the administrative center and residence of the Rynkyn kings for several centuries until Okinawa became a Japanese prefecture in 1879. Shuri Castle was originally built in the late 1300s, and played an integral role in the political unification of the island. The Castle will offer our delegation insight on Okinawa's indigenous population, before they became a part of Japan.

1-2 Shurikinjo, Naba, Okinawa

Dinner 6:30 - 8:00pm

Okinawa: A Pacific Trade Hub

Discussion with representatives from American Chamber of Commerce of

Okinawa (ACCO)

#### Wednesday, September 25, 2019 < Okinawa/Tokyo>

Breakfast

At hotel

9:55am -- 12:25pm

NH0994 from Okinawa to Tokyo

12:45 - 1:25pm

Bus ride from airport to next meeting

Lunch

1:30 - 2:30pm

Foreigners in Japan 101: Creating a Japanese Identity

Lunch discussion with Patrick Harlan, commentator, lecturer at Tokyo Institute of Technology

Roundtable conversation on experience living in Japan as an American, the
cultural difference in business and communication between the US and
Japan, how Japanese TV audience views American political process, and
traits of young Japanese students

3:00 - 3:30pm

Bus ride from lunch to next meeting

3:30 - 5:00pm

The Influence of Buddhism and Shintoism in Japanese Society Visit to Meiji Jingu Shrine, and guided tour by priest including brief presentation on the role of religion in Japan.

 Participants will learn of the significant role it plays in the life and mindset of Japanese citizens and politicians.

Meiji Jingu, dedicated to Emperor Meiji, the first emperor of modern Japan, is of Shinto origin, a religion native to Japan which centers on polytheistic nature worship and whose origin goes back to primitive times. Over its long history, Shintoism has developed into a religion that has become truly unique in the world, adopting continental influences to combine with its own indigenous traditions. Japanese spiritual and daily life is deeply rooted in Shintoism.

1-1 Yoyogikamizono-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

5:45 - 6:00pm

Bus ride to hotel

6:30 - 7:00pm

Bus ride from hotel to dinner

Dinner

### Understanding Regional Dynamics

7:00 - 9:00pm

Discussion with mid-level diplomats from Ministry of Foreign Affairs

 Brief introduction of each diplomat (four to five), including their background and current assignment, conversation on their experience previously working in the Japanese Embassy in Washington, D.C.

#### Thursday, September 26, 2019

< Tokyo>

Breakfast

At Hotel

8:00 - 9:30am

### **US Embassy Country Briefing**

Briefing by select heads of sections such as Political, Economic, Commerce,
 Public Affairs, and Consular on the current state of bilateral relationship

1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo

10:00 - 11:30am

#### The Effectiveness of Abe's Womenomics

Discussion with female leaders such as Ms. Kathy Matsui, Goldman Sachs, and Prof. Mieko Nakabayashi, Waseda University

- Open discussion between delegation and Japanese female experts, in their respective fields
- Overview on the impacts of Prime Minister Abe's Womenomics on Japanese society

Lunch

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12:00 – 1:00pm	<ul> <li>Lunch discussion with Mr. Hatry Hill, Chairman of the Japan-U.S.</li> <li>Friendship Commission</li> <li>Working lunch on overview of Japanese politics and economy, US-Japan bilateral relationship</li> <li>Opening remarks by discussant</li> <li>Rest - Q&amp;A Session moderated by a delegate</li> </ul>
1:30 — 3:00թու	Voices of the New Generation Visit to Tokyo University and discussion with students, led by Prof. Kiichi Fujiwara
	Tokyo University
3:30 – 4:30pm	Unveiling the Infrastructure Hub of Japan  Tour of Tokyo Station, led by representatives from East Japan Railway  Briefing by representatives from East Japan Railway on Japan's existing public transportation system on a variety of topics including quality control and emergency preparedeness
4:30 - 5:00pm	Bus ride back to hotel
6:30 – 7:00pm	Bus ride from hotel to next meeting
Dinner 7:00pm – 8:30 pm	<ul> <li>The Importance of a Multilateral Cooperation</li> <li>Dinner discussion and exchange with representatives from ASEAN nations, including: DCM Ethan Chua, Embassy of Singapore; DCM Cherdehai</li> <li>Chiavaivid, Embassy of Thailand</li> <li>Conversation on state of affairs between various ASEAN nations and Japan.</li> <li>Discussion surrounding topics such as trade and security, in the region.</li> </ul>
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# Friday, September 27, 2019 < Tokyo>

At the hotel

Breakfast

9:30 11:30 am	<ul> <li>The Economic Impacts of an Aging-Society</li> <li>Meeting with representatives from Aflac at their Innovation Lab</li> <li>Conversation on the economic impacts a shrinking population has on a business.</li> <li>Insight on the experience of being an American company operating in Japan.</li> </ul>
Lunch Noon – 1:00pm	Informal lunch at Japanese Diet building at a cafeteria of the Office Building of the House of Representatives in the Japanese Diet Diet Office Building of the House of Representatives, 2-1-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyodu-ku, Tokyo

1:00 - 1:45pm

"Reiwa": A New Eta for Legislation

Tour of the National Diet Building, a Japanese Parliament, guided by a staff from the Japanese Diet's International Division

The tour, guided by a staff from the Diet, will include visiting the Committee rooms and the House Chambers, and will allow the delegation to learn the history of Japanese legislature.

The National Diet is Jupan's bicameral legislature, composed of a lower house (House of Representatives) and an uppder house (House of Councillors). This building was completed in 1936.

National Diet of Japan 1-7-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

2:00 - 4:30 pm

# Visions for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games

Visit to Nippon Foundation Paralympic Support Center and Para Arena

Discussion with representative for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, on a variety of topics from the accessibility of Japanese society to preparing for the upcoming Games.

 Guided tour of their official training site, the Para Arena, where innovative solutions to accessibility issues are put into action.

4F The Nippon Zaidan Bldg, 1-2-2 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo And 3-1 Higashi-yashio, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo

4:00 - 4:45pm

Bus back to hotel

6:15 - 6:30pm

Bus ride from hotel to dinner

Dinner

#### **Debrief Dinner**

6:30 - 8:30pm

Debricf dinner conversation on what each participant learned during the trip, how they will get back the knowledge and experience to the District/State

 Led by FMC Staff
 Open conversation on the impact meeting partners and site visits had on participants

Saturday, September 28, 2019

Travel Day

7:00am

Ms. Shelly Blake checks-out of hotel

7:10 - 7:30am

Bus ride from hotel to Haneda airport to drop off Ms. Shelley Blake

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# Departing Time

10:40am

UA 7912 from HND to ORD (Terminal 1)

Layover 1

UA5645 from ORD to LNK (Final Destination)

[BLAKE, Shelly]]

10:00 am

Rest of delegation checks-out of hotel

10:15a-11:45am

Bus ride from hotel to airport

12:00 - 1:00pm

Informal lunch at airport

Departing Time

4:10pm

UA0804 from NRT to IAD (Terminal 1)

Layover

UA0822 from IAD to BOS (Final Destination)

[HOLMES, Satah]

6:10pm

UA0142 from NRT to DEN (Terminal 1)

Layover

UA4567 from DEN to MEM (Final Destination)

[KISTENMACHER, Nick]



# FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS The Congressional Study Groups

September 10, 2019

Dear Colleague:

It is our pleasure to invite you to join The Congressional Study Group on Japan's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Study Tour for District and State Directors from September 21<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 to September 28<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. The delegation will visit Tokyo and Okinawa.

The Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ) – a non-partisan, non-advocacy legislative exchange housed in the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), a congressional chartered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization—has more than twenty years of history conducting successful, high-level, discussion-driven study tours for Members of Congress and senior congressional staff, which complement an active calendar of year-round programs on Capitol Hill. Fervently non-partisan and non-advocacy, our model promotes an active, substantive discussion among all principals. Our model avoids lengthy speeches or formal presentations that hinder the development of lasting working relationships based on mutual respect and understanding.

The Study Tour for District and State Directors provides an exciting new opportunity to build U.S.-Japan relationships at the regional and local levels of government and civil society, beyond the traditional Washington-Tokyo relationship. Last year, the Congressional Study Group on Japan convened their successful inuagural trip for District and State Directors to Tokyo and Tohoku (Sendai and Fukushima). The 2019 Study Tour to Japan will visit Tokyo and Okinawa. Together with a variety of leading officials and experts from academia, civil society, industry, the media, and government, you will have the opportunity to discuss topics of mutual concern and areas for cooperation, including:

- Public Infrastructure: transportation, health care system, education
- Military: U.S. presence in Japan, Self-Defense Force, wartime memory
- Science and Technology: automation, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity

During the trip, you will also have an opportunity to learn other topics including issues surrounding idegenous peoples, regional and bilateral trade, and the roles of the district offices in Japan.

We have obtained funding for eight District and State Directors from the House and Senate and are able to provide airfare, out of an airport nearest to your district, for this bipartisan delegation. All lodging, transportation, and scheduled meal costs will be paid for by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), a congressionally-chartered, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, with the generous support of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1975. Please note that this privately-sponsored trip will be submitted to the Ethics Committee for congressional approval.

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This invitation is non-transferrable, and participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis for a diverse, bipartisan delegation. We look forward to traveling with you, and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best,

Sabine Schleidt

Chief Operating Officer

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Miles Monaco

Japan Fellow

# PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1.	US Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)  Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):
2.	Description of the trip: Please see attached.
3.	Dates of travel: Saturday, September 21 to Saturday, September 28 2019
4.	Płace of travel: Tokyo and Okinawa, Japan
5.	Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached.
6.	I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:  (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
	—OR — (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
7.	I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
	– AND –
	I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8.	I certify that:
	The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for de minimis lobbyist involvement.  - AND -
	The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9).

9.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)  I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:			
	<ul> <li>(A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip.</li> <li>OR -</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>□ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).</li> <li>- OR -</li> </ul>			
	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.			
10.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B) If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:			
11.	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.			
12.	Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:			
	FMC is the sole sponsor of the trip, FMC is solely responsible for organizing the itinerary and arranging all			
	meetings. FMC is solely responsible for all invitations to and communications with trip participants. All of			
	the funding for this trip is provided by grant, to FMC, from the (Please see attached)			
13.	Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission: FMC - a congressional chartered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization - administers the CSGJ through its			
	international program. Through the Study Group, FMC creates constant channels of communication and			
	dialogue for the U.S. Members of Congress and their staff to interact in a (Please see attached)			
14.	Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:			
	FMC has sponsored congressional travel to Germany, Turkey, Japan, and the Republic of Korea since			
	1983. FMC has organized delegations through its CSGJ since January 2014 and has brought six			
	Congressional Member delegations and seven Senior Congressional Staff delegations.			

The trip compliments	FMC's year-round Cap	itol Hill programming	, which provides a for	um for dialogue
on the issues most relevant to the U.S Japan strategic alliance and the East Asia region. FMC's flags				
program, Congress to Campus, brings a bipartisan pair of Former Members of (Please see attache			se see attached)	
Total Expenses for Each Participant:				
,	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
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21.	Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:		
	Daily expenses are below U.S. Department of States' maximum foreign per diem rates.		
22.	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:		
	They will travel on economy airfare for all flights. Ground transportation will consist of domestic public		
	metro trains and a privately-chartered bus.		
23.	I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).		
24.	List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:		
	None		
25.	I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you must include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):  Signature of Travel Sponsor:		
	Name and Title: Sabine Schleidt, Chief Operating Officer		
	Name of Organization: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)		
	Address: 1401 K St. NW, Suite 901 Washington, DC 20005		
	Telephone Number: (202) 222-0972		
	Fax Number:		
	E-mail Address: SSchleidt@usafmc.org		

# PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR

(to be completed by each additional sponsor)

	tion contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any	y
accompanying addenda, all sub-	mitted in connection with the	trip
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#### **Instructions**

(Do not file the Instructions with OPR)

#### **General Instructions**

- The Senate Select Committee on Ethics ("Ethics Committee") has developed guidelines for evaluating privately-sponsored trips and for judging whether trip expenses are reasonable. Trip sponsors should consult the Senate Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel, including the Glossary of Terms, prior to filling out the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and contact the Ethics Committee at (202) 224-2981 with any additional questions. The Ethics Committee will make the final determination as to whether the expenses incurred during a privately-sponsored trip are reasonable.
- If there are multiple sponsors, they should jointly complete one Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form for the trip. Each travel sponsor should complete the signature block.
- When evaluating a trip proposal and judging the reasonableness of expenses, the Ethics Committee will consider the following factors:
  - a. the stated mission of the organization sponsoring the trip;
  - b. the organization's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips, if any;
  - c. other educational activities performed by the organization besides sponsoring congressional trips;
  - d. whether any trips previously sponsored by the organization led to an investigation by the Select Committee on Ethics;
  - e. whether the length of the trip and the itinerary is consistent with the official purpose of the trip;
  - f. whether there is an adequate connection between a trip and official duties;
  - g. the reasonableness of the total amount spent by a sponsor of the trip;
  - h. whether there is a direct and immediate relationship between a source of funding and an event;
  - i. the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel published annually by the General Services Administration, the Department of State, and the Department of Defense;
  - whether travel to a location or event is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation, or whether it is specifically organized for Congressional staff; and
  - k. any other factor deemed relevant by the Select Committee on Ethics.

Consult the Senate Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel, including the Glossary of Terms, for further discussion of these factors.

- Responses to each question should be brief, consistent with the requirement to provide all relevant information. Attach additional pages, as necessary.
- To allow sufficient time for the Ethics Committee to review requests for privately sponsored travel, the participating Senate Members, officers, and employees must submit the completed form to the Ethics Committee at least thirty (30) days before the date of the proposed trip.

#### Filling out the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form (Question by Question Instructions)

- 1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): A sponsor of a trip is any person, organization, or other entity contributing funds or in-kind support for the trip. A sponsor must have a significant role in organizing and conducting a trip and must have a specific organizational interest in the purpose of the trip. If Members, officers, and employees are participating in an event or fact-finding trip in connection with their duties, they may accept necessary travel expenses only from the event or trip sponsor.
- 2. Description of the trip: Provide a brief statement about the purpose of the trip.
- 3. Dates of travel: Provide the dates of departure and return.
- 4. Place of travel: Provide the destination(s) for the trip.
- Name and titles of Senate invitees: Provide the name and title for each Senate Member, officer, or employee
  who is invited on the trip.
- 6. I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories: A Senate Member, officer, or employee may accept privately sponsored travel only from sponsor(s) of a trip that fits one of the categories listed. Consult the instructions for question 9 to determine if the trip meets the lobbyist accompaniment standard.
- 7. Financing of the trip, earmarked funds and in-kind contributions: Senate Members, officers, and staff may not accept privately-sponsored travel funded by a registered lobbyist or foreign agent. Members, officers, and staff may not participate in privately-sponsored travel when the sponsors accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked for this particular trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal. Earmarking includes any direction, agreement, or suggestion -- formal or informal -- to use donated funds, goods, services, or other in-kind contributions for a particular trip or purpose.
- 8. Lobbyist/agent of a foreign principal involvement: Senate invitees may not participate in trips planned, organized, arranged, or requested by a lobbyist or foreign agent in more than a de minimis way, which means negligible or inconsequential. It would be considered inconsequential for one or more lobbyists or foreign agents to serve on the board of an organization that is sponsoring travel, as long as the lobbyists or foreign agents are not involved in the trip. It is also permissible for a lobbyist to respond to a trip sponsor's request to identify Senate invitees with interest in a particular issue relevant to a planned trip. However, a lobbyist is not allowed to solicit or initiate communication with a trip sponsor, have control over which Senate employees are invited on a trip, extend or forward an invitation to a participant, determine the trip itinerary, or be mentioned in the invitation.

Example: A trip sponsor that is a § 501(c)(3) non-profit organization asks a lobbyist to recommend staffers who might be most interested in joining a trip to the U.S.-Mexican border. If a lobbyist knows a staffer who has a particular interest in the DEA's activities at the border, then providing that information (in light of the trip sponsor's request), in and of itself, would not exceed a de minimis level of participation, and would be permitted. However, it would not be permissible for the lobbyist to initiate contact with the trip sponsor to suggest that a particular Senate staffer be invited or forward an invitation to that staffer. Consult the instructions for question 9 to determine if the trip meets the lobbyist accompaniment standards.

- 9. Lobbyist/agent of a foreign principal accompaniment standards: Senate Members, officers, and staff may not accept privately-sponsored travel from an entity that retains or employs one or more federally-registered lobbyists or foreign agents unless one of the listed scenarios applies. At any segment of the trip means lobbyists may not accompany the Senate invitee for parts of the travel to and from the event (not at the event itself or the location being visited). At any point throughout the trip means lobbyists may not accompany Senate invitees at any point to and from the event, at the event itself, or at the location being visited, other than in a de minimis way. This is a broader prohibition than the at any segment of a trip standard.
  - "De minimis" exception: Both lobbyist/agent of a foreign principal "accompaniment" prohibitions include a de minimis exemption. De minimis means negligible or inconsequential. The mere coincidental presence of a lobbyist or foreign agent at an event would likely be considered de minimis. But in making the final determination, the Ethics Committee will consider the totality of the circumstances, including the amount of time lobbyists or foreign agents are present at the event; the amount of direct contact they have with Senate invitees; and the amount of control a trip sponsor has over their presence or contact with Senate guests. For example, if the trip includes attendance at an event considered widely-attended under Rule 35(1)(c)(18), the trip sponsor is unlikely to know all attendees present. Thus, it is likely to be permissible for such widely-attended events to include both a Senate guest and a lobbyist. Similarly, an organization cannot possibly know all the other passengers taking the same flight or other common carrier to a given destination. Accordingly, the sponsor does not need to certify that it knows for certain that no lobbyist or foreign agent will be on such a common carrier.
- 10. If travel includes two overnight stays: The Ethics Committee may approve two overnight stays for trips sponsored by an entity that employs or retains one or more lobbyists or foreign agents under certain conditions. Consult Committee regulations for additional information.
- 11. An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form: The Ethics Committee will not review the trip request without a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete and final itinerary for the trip. As a general matter, the Ethics Committee advises that each travel day contain a minimum of 6 hours of officially-related activities for Senate invitees.
- 12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: A sponsor must have a significant role in organizing and conducting a trip and must have a specific organizational interest in the purpose of the trip.
- 13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission: Provide a brief description of the stated mission of each sponsor and how it relates to the trip.
- 14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional (rips: Provide a brief discussion of the sponsor's history of sponsoring congressional travel. It is not necessary to list every trip.
- 15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips): Provide a brief description of the educational activities performed by each sponsor. It is not necessary to list every individual activity; the description may be by kind or category of educational activity involved.
- 16. Total expenses for each participant: Indicate whether the figures provided are actual amounts or good faith estimates by checking the appropriate box. All trip expenses should be included. Expenses other than those for transportation, lodging, and meals must be individually listed and specified. Attach additional pages as necessary.

- 17. Congressional participation: For events that are arranged without regard to congressional participation (for example, annual meetings, conferences, seminars, and symposiums of trade associations, professional societies, business associations, and other membership organizations), the Ethics Committee may, but is not required to, allow Senate Members, officers, and employees to accept lodging and meal expenses that are commensurate with what is customarily provided to non-congressional attendees in similar circumstances. For events specifically arranged around congressional participation, lodging, meal expenses and other expenses must be "reasonable" in accordance with Ethics Committee regulations.
- 18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The location of the trip must be related to its purpose. A brief but detailed description of the reason for the selection of the location must be provided.
- 19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility: Include the exact name and address of the hotel or other lodging facility.
- 20. Reasons for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Provide an explanation of the sponsor's rationale for selecting the particular lodging, include information such as proximity to the airport or site to be visited.
- 21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participant compare to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel: Where feasible and available, trip expenses for lodging and meals should generally be comparable to the government per diem rates. The circumstances surrounding a particular trip may legitimately require lodging and meal expenses to exceed these rates. Consult the Ethics Committee regulations for additional information.
- 22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided: While coach or business-class fare may be accepted, first-class fare for any mode of transportation may be permitted only under limited conditions and only with specific prior written approval by the Ethics Committee. Transportation on a private or charter aircraft is not permitted for privately-sponsored travel under any circumstances.
- 23. Expenses for recreational activity, alcohol, or entertainment: The only recreational or entertainment activities that will be approved by the Ethics Committee are those that are provided to all attendees and are an integral part of an event. Alcoholic beverages are not considered to be a reasonable expense.
- 24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event: Entertainment expenses that are not provided to all attendees and deemed an integral part of the event will not be approved by the Ethics Committee.
- 25. Certification: The trip sponsor must sign the form and certify that the information is true, complete, and correct. For trips with more than one sponsor, each additional sponsor must complete its own signature page and certify that the information contained in the form is true, complete, and correct.

#### Continuation of the Senate Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form:

2.

The Congressional Study Group on Japan (CSGJ) – a non-partisan, non-advocacy legislative exchange housed in the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC), a congressional chartered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization – will conduct its 2019 State Director Study Tour to Japan from September 21 - 28, 2019. This Study Tour offers Senate State Directors a unique educational forum to examine important issues in the bilateral U.S.-Japan relationship such as the bilateral security alliance, Japan's research & development toward environmental issues, and trade relations including the Transpacific Partnership (TPP-11). During their week in Japan, participants will meet with key federal and local government officials as well as top experts, academics, and community leaders on these issues impacting bilateral relations and their work in Congress. Trip participants will also gain a greater understanding of the unique cultural and religious components of Japanese society and their intersections and high importance to Japanese politics and business.

**12.** 

FMC is the sole sponsor of the trip, FMC is soley responsible for organizing the itinerary and arranging all meetings. FMC is solely responsible for all invitations to and communications with trip participants. All of the funding for this trip is provided by grant, to FMC, from the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission (JUSFC), an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1975. The JUSFC plays no role in organizing the trip.

13.

FMC – a congressional chartered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization – administers the CSGJ through its international program. Through the Study Group, FMC creates constant channels of communication and dialogue for U.S. Members of Congress and their staff to interact in a meaningful way with their counterparts in Japan. The 2019 Study Tour offers senior congressional staff a unique educational forum to explore key issues in the bilateral U.S.-Japan relationship and furthering FMC's educational mission.

15.

The trip complements FMC's year-round Capitol Hill programming, which provides a forum for dialogue on the issues most relevant to the U.S.-Japan strategic alliance and the East Asia region.

FMC's flagship program, Congress to Campus, brings a bipartisan pair of former Members of Congress to college campus across the nation to discuss civic education, importance of political participation, and functions of Congress with students throughout the year.

**16**.

Transportation Expenses:

Ms. Shelly Blake – total of \$3,476.43 (Roundtrip flight between the Lincoln, Nebraska and Tokyo; flights between Tokyo and Okinawa: \$2,836.43, Ground transportation divided by a total number of passengers: \$720)

Ms. Sarah Holmes – total of \$3,701.13 (Roundtrip flight between Boston, Massachusetts and Tokyo; flights between Tokyo and Okinawa: \$3,061.13, Ground transportation divided by a total number of passengers: \$720)

Mr. Nick Kistenmacher - total of \$3,451.43 (Roundtrip flight between Memphis, Tennessee and Tokyo; flights between Tokyo and Okinawa: \$2,811.43, Ground transportation divided by a total number of passengers: \$720)

<u>Lodging Expenses</u>: Total of \$1,302 - \$162 in Okinawa/night for three nights, \$272/night in Tokyo for three nights

Meal Expenses: Total of \$1,032 - \$115/day in Okinawa for 3 days. \$229/day in Tokyo for 3 days

Other Expenses: Total of \$600 (Interpreter in Tokyo and Okinawa: \$150, English-Speaking Guide: \$250, Meeting room rental fee: \$100, Travel Insurance: \$100)

#### 18.

Tokyo is the financial and political hub of Japan, and the senior staff delegation will meet with American and Japanese government officials, journalists and issue experts on issues ranging from security, women's status to trade.

Okinawa is a bridge in the US – Japan security alliance, hosting 32 United States military bases and occupying approximately 25% of the island's area. The delegation will have the opportunity to visit the US air base, Kadena Air Base, as well as their Japanese counterparts at the Japan Air Self-Defense Force Naha Air Base, to better understand the security alliance.



# 2019 U.S. District/State Directors Study Tour Final Itinerary Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> Tokyo and Okinawa

# In case of an emergency in Japan, please call:

U.S. Embassy - Tokyo: +81-3-3224-5000

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#### **Hotels**

Hotel New Otani Tokyo

4-1 Kioichio Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 102-8578 Tel: +81-3-3265-1111 Hilton Okinawa Chatan Resort

40-1 Mihama Chatan-Cho Okinawa 904-0115 Tel: +81-98-901-1111

Saturday, September 21, 2019

All-day

9:30pm

Departure from local airports

Sunday, September 22, 2019

<Okinawa>

Travel Day

#### Arriving in Tokyo

1:55pm	UA0079 from EWR to NRT (Terminal 1) [HOLMES, Sarah]
2:00pm	UA0007 from IAH to NRT (Terminal 1) [KISTENMACHER, Nick]
2:20pin	UA7938 from ORD to NRT (Terminal 1) [BLAKE, Shelly]
2:20 - 5:55pm	Go through customs and layover in airport
5:55 — 8:45pm	NH2159 from Tokyo to Okinawa; transfer to hotel

Check-in at hotel

Monday,	September	23,	2019

<Okinawa>

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Breakfast 8:00 - 9:15am 9:30 - 10:45am 11:00am - 12:00pmLunch

Regional Briefing: Okinawa's History and Relationship with the U.S.

Discussion with the U.S. Consul General, Naha

- Conversation with Consul General Robert Koepcke on the Consulate's priorities in Okinawa, at hotel in Chatan.
- Briefing on the current state of affairs in Okinawa, and Japan.

Academic View of Okinawan Identity

Discussion with Prof. Masaaki Gabe, Ryukyu University

- Working breakfast on overview of Okinawan identity and cultural, Okinawan – Tokyo relationship.
- Rest Q&A Session moderated by a delegate

Bus ride from hotel to next meeting

Informal lunch

Location TBD

1:00 - 2:30pm Memory of World War II

> Visit and tour of Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial Museum with Marine Corps Community Service guide

 Guided tour by Marine Corps Community Service guide, offering a unique perspective on the memory of World War II in Okinawa.

614-1 Mabuni, Itaman-shi, Okinawa

2:30 - 3:30pm Bus ride from museum to next meeting

U.S. Rebalance to the Asia-Pacific 3:45-5:15pm Briefing with officers at Kadena Air Base

> Briefing by select officers at Kadena Air Base on the current state of the base and its relationship with the surrounding community.

An overview of the base's +70 years of history on the island.

Kadena Air Base

5:45 - 6:00pmBus ride to hotel

Dinner Working Dinner Conversation with Ms. Paige Cottingham-Streater Dinner conversation with Ms. Paige Cottingham-Streater, Executive

7:30 - 9:00pm Director of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission

> Overview on current US-Japan Relations establishing a foundational understanding of the bilateral relationship

#### Tuesday, September 24, 2019

#### <Okinawa>

9:00 - 10:30am

#### Visit to AmerAsian School

- A site tour offers our delegation insight on the societal impacts of US bases in Okinawa
- Briefing of the history and mission of the school by their principal
- Visiting classrooms of Middle School students

The AmerAsian School in Okinawa, was founded 20 years ago by five women with the goal of providing hi-racial children a "double education" so they could learn about American and Japanese culture/identity. The was heavily supported by former Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi, and has won three major education awards from the Japan Foundation, Asahi Shimbun, and Hakuhodo.

15-22 Shimushi, Ginowan, Okinawa

10:45 - 11:30am

Bus ride from AmeriAsian School to next meeting

11:30 - 1:30pm

Cutting-edge Technology: From "Keystone of the Pacific" to "Hub of International Education in the East Asia"

Visit to Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology

Guided tour of OIST main campus and hinch discussion with faculty members

Briefing and presentation given by Executive Vice President Dr. Bob Baughman at their Technology Development and Innovation Center

The Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST) is an interdisciplinary graduate school. Over half of the faculty and students are recruited from outside Japan, and all education and research is conducted entirely in English. The OIST Graduate University shall conduct internationally outstanding education and research in science and technology, and thus contribute to the sustainable development of Okinawa, and promote and sustain the advancement of science and technology.

1919-1 Tancha, Onna, Kungami, Okinawa

2:00 - 3:30pm

Japan's Security Priority in the Region
Briefing and tour of Japan Ground and Maritime Self-Defense Force
Naha Base

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 Conversation on the role of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force in Japanese national security.

Briefing on the state of the region, covering topics such as North Korea, China's military expansion, and US ally's like South Korea.

301 Jitoma, Naha, Okinawa

3:30 - 4:00pm

Bus ride from base to next meeting

4:15 - 5:15pm

History of Ryukyu Kingdom

Visit and tour of Shuri Castle with Mr. Kurayoshi Takara

The Castle will offer our delegation insight on Okinawa's indigenous population, before they became a part of Japan.

A city district of Naha today, Shuri is the name of the former capital of the Rynkyh Kingdom. Shuri Castle served as the administrative center and residence of the Rynkyh kings for several centuries until Okinawa became a Japanese prefecture in 1879. Shuri Castle was originally built in the late 1300s, and played an integral role in the political unification of the island. The Castle will offer our delegation insight on Okinawa's indigenous population, before they became a part of Japan.

1-2 Shurikinjo, Naba, Okinawa

Dinner

Okinawa: A Pacific Trade Hub

6:30 - 8:00pm

Discussion with representatives from American Chamber of Commerce of Okinawa (ACCO)

Breakfast

At hotel

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

9:55am - 12:25pm

NH0994 from Okinawa to Tokyo

12:45 - 1:25pm

Bus ride from airport to next meeting

Lunch

1:30 - 2:30pm

Foreigners in Japan 101: Creating a Japanese Identity

<Okinawa/Tokyo>

Lunch discussion with Patrick Harlan, commentator, lecturer at Tokyo

Institute of Technology

Roundtable conversation on experience living in Japan as an American, the cultural difference in business and communication between the US and Japan, how Japanese TV audience views American political process, and traits of young Japanese students

3:00 - 3:30pm

Bus ride from lunch to next meeting

3:30 - 5:00pm

The Influence of Buddhism and Shintoism in Japanese Society Visit to Meiji Jingu Shrine, and guided tour by priest including brief presentation on the role of religion in Japan.

 Participants will learn of the significant role it plays in the life and mindset of Japanese citizens and politicians.

Weiji Jingu, dedicated to Emperor Meiji, the first emperor of modern Japan, is of Shinto origin, a religion native to Japan which centers on polytheistic nature worship and whose origin goes back to primitive times. Over its long history, Shintoism has developed into a religion that has become truly unique in the world, adopting continental influences to combine with its own indigenous traditions. Japanese spiritual and daily life is deeply rooted in Shintoism.

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Yoyogikumizono-cho, Shihnya-ku, Tokyo

5:45 - 6:00pm

Bus ride to hotel

6:30 - 7:00pm

Bus ride from hotel to dinner

Dinner 7:00 – 9:00pm

# Understanding Regional Dynamics

Discussion with mid-level diplomats from Ministry of Foreign Affairs

 Brief introduction of each diplomat (four to five), including their background and current assignment, conversation on their experience previously working in the Japanese Embassy in Washington, D.C.

## Thursday, September 26, 2019

< Tokyo>

Breakfast

At Hotel

8:00 - 9:30am

# **US Embassy Country Briefing**

Briefing by select heads of sections such as Political, Economic, Commerce,
 Public Affairs, and Consular on the current state of bilateral relationship

1-10-5 /1kasaku, Minato-ku, Tokyo

10:00 - 11:30am

# The Effectiveness of Abe's Womenomics

Discussion with female leaders such as Ms. Kathy Matsui, Goldman Sachs, and Prof. Mieko Nakabayashi, Waseda University

Open discussion between delegation and Japanese female experts, in their respective fields

• Overview on the impacts of Prime Minister Abe's Womenomics on Japanese society

Lunch

12:00 - 1:00pm

Lunch discussion with Mr. Harry Hill, Chairman of the Japan-U.S.

Friendship Commission

 Working lunch on overview of Japanese politics and economy, US-Japan bilateral relationship

Opening remarks by discussant

Rest - Q&A Session moderated by a delegate

1:30 - 3:00pm

Voices of the New Generation

Visit to Tokyo University and discussion with students, led by Prof. Kiichi Fujiwara

Tokyo University

3:30 - 4:30pm

Unveiling the Infrastructure Hub of Japan

Tour of Tokyo Station, led by representatives from East Japan Railway
Briefing by representatives from East Japan Railway on Japan's existing
public transportation system on a variety of topics including quality control

and emergency preparedeness

4:30 - 5:00pm

Bus ride back to hotel

6:30 - 7:00pm

Bus ride from hotel to next meeting

Dinner

7:00pm - 8:30 pm

The Importance of a Multilateral Cooperation

Dinner discussion and exchange with representatives from ASEAN nations, including: DCM Ethan Chua, Embassy of Singapore; DCM Cherdchai Chiavairid, Embassy of Theiland

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- Conversation on state of affairs between various ASEAN nations and Japan.
- Discussion surrounding topics such as trade and security, in the region.

# Friday, September 27, 2019

<Tokyo>

Breakfast

At the hotel

9:30 - 11:30 am

The Economic Impacts of an Aging-Society

Meeting with representatives from Aflac at their Innovation Lab

- Conversation on the economic impacts a shrinking population has on a business.
- Insight on the experience of being an American company operating in Japan.

Lunch

Noon - 1:00pm

Informal lunch at Japanese Diet building at a cafeteria of the Office Building of the House of Representatives in the Japanese Diet

Diet Ossice Building of the House of Representatives, 2-1-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 1:00 - 1:45pm

"Reiwa": A New Era for Legislation

Tour of the National Diet Building, a Japanese Parliament, guided by a staff from the Japanese Diet's International Division

• The tour, guided by a staff from the Diet, will include visiting the Committee moms and the House Chambers, and will allow the delegation to learn the history of Japanese legislature.

The National Diet is Japan's bicameral legislature, composed of a lower bouse (House of Representatives) and an uppder bouse (House of Councillors). This building was completed in 1936.

National Diet of Japan 1-7-1 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

2:00 - 4:30 pm

# Visions for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games

Visit to Nippon Foundation Paralympic Support Center and Para Arena

- Discussion with representative for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, on a variety of topics from the accessibility of Japanese society to preparing for the upcoming Games.
- Guided tour of their official training site, the Para Arena, where innovative solutions to accessibility issues are put into action.

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4:00 - 4:45pm

Bus back to hotel

6:15 - 6:30pm

Bus ride from hotel to dinner

Dinner

#### Debrief Dinner

6:30 - 8:30pm

Debrief dinner conversation on what each participant learned during the trip, how they will get back the knowledge and experience to the District/State

- Led by FMC Staff

Open conversation on the impact meeting partners and site visits had on participants

Saturday, September 28, 2019

Travel Day

7:00am

Ms. Shelly Blake checks-out of hotel

7:10 - 7:30am

Bus ride from hotel to Haneda airport to drop off Ms. Shelley Blake

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# Departing Time

10:40am

UA 7912 from HND to ORD (Terminal 1)

Layover

UA5645 from ORD to LNK (Final Destination)

[BLAKE, Shelly]]

10:00 am

Rest of delegation checks-out of hotel

10:15a- 11:45am

Bus ride from hotel to airport

12:00 - 1:00pm

Informal lunch at airport

Departing Time

4:10pm

UA0804 from NRT to LAD (Terminal 1)

Layover

UA0822 from IAD to BOS (Final Destination)

[HOLMES, Sarah]

6:10pm

UA0142 from NRT to DEN (Terminal 1)

Layoner

UA4567 from DEN to MEM (Final Destination)

[KISTENMACHER, Nick]

### 2019 State Director Study Tour to Japan

Saturday, September 21, 2019 to Saturday, September 28, 2019

# Tokyo and Okinawa, Japan

Senate Invitees

Ms. Shelly Blake, State Director, Office of Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE)

Mr. James Cantwell, State Director, Office of Scn. Edward Markey (D-MA)

Ms. Sarah Holmes, State Director, Office of Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)

Ms. Cameron Joost, State Director, Office of Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)

Ms. Leila Kimbrell, State Director, Office of Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

Mr. Nick Kistenmacher, State Director, Office of Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)

Ms. Stacey McClure, State Director, Office of Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)